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INSURANCE REGULATION 84

**AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PREMIUM REDUCTIONS FOR ANTI-THEFT
DEVICES**

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Section 1 Authority

This Regulation is promulgated pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 27-9-7.2 and 42-14-17.

Section 2 Purpose

The purpose of this Regulation is to require every insurer writing automobile insurance comprehensive coverages to offer a discount to insureds whose vehicles are equipped with anti-theft devices as defined in this Regulation.

Section 3 Definitions

For the purpose of this Regulation:

- A. "Director " means the Director of Business Regulation or his or her designee.
- B. "Insurer" means all persons, firms, corporations or associations authorized or licensed to offer automobile insurance in this State.
- C. "Alarm Only Device" means a device which sounds an audible alarm that can be heard at a distance of at least three hundred (300) feet for a minimum of three (3) minutes.

- D. "Active Disabling Device" means a device which disables the vehicle by making the fuel, ignition or starting system inoperative and a separate manual step is required to engage the device.
- E. "Passive Disabling Device" means a device which disables the vehicle by making the fuel, ignition or starting system inoperative and a separate manual step is not required to engage the device.
- F. "Vehicle Recovery System Service" means an electronic unit installed in a vehicle that is activated after the vehicle is stolen. When activated, the device provides information to law enforcement officials or another public or private entity regarding the vehicle's location. The system provides for the routine delivery of the information to the appropriate law enforcement entity to assist in the recovery of the vehicle.

Section 4 Discounts

Every insurer, insuring motor vehicles which contain anti-theft devices, shall offer the following minimum reductions in premium charges on comprehensive coverage:

- A. Alarm Only – five percent (5%) -- Category 1
- B. Active Disabling Devices – five percent (5%) -- Category 2
- C. Passive Disabling Devices – fifteen percent (15%) -- Category 3
- D. Vehicle Recovery System Devices – twenty five percent (25%) -- Category 4

Section 5 Multiple Anti-Theft-Devices

If an insured has more than one anti-theft device, the amount of the discount shall be as follows:

- (A) One Category 4 device and one Category 1 device – thirty percent (30%)
- (B) One Category 4 device and one Category 2 device – thirty percent (30%)
- (C) One Category 4 device and one Category 3 device – thirty five percent (35%)

Section 6 Evidence of Installation by Insurer

Every insurer may require evidence of installation of any anti-theft device prior to application of the applicable discount.

Section 7 Effective Date

This Regulation shall become effective on May 25, 1994 and supersedes the Department's prior Regulation 45, entitled Relating to Automobile Insurance Premium Reduction for Anti-Theft Devices.

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